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City Attorney Offers a Tutorial To City Council on Ethics Issues

by Thomas X. White

At a worksession on July 29 the entire Greenbelt City Council was on hand to learn the ethical do's and don'ts for councilmembers' behavior in carrying out their responsibilities. More like a seminar or tutorial than a work-session, these lessons were taught by City Solicitor Robert Manzi.

According to Mayor Judith Davis such a session has been on council's calendar for a while but was scheduled for this date because all members of council and the city attorney were available. Also attending the meeting were City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran.

Manzi started the evening by handing out a bundle of up-to-date reference materials on municipal ethics. The package included the City Ethics Code contained in Chapter 2, Article IV of the City Code; related provisions of the State of Maryland Annotated Code, namely, Title 15, Public Ethics; and a compilation of applicable Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), mainly pertaining to the State Ethics Commission and its Model

Ethics Laws (Title 19, Appendix A and B).

While Manzi pointed out that his review found that the current city code for ethics is in conformance with current state laws and regulations, he provided a brief summary of several COMAR provisions the city might consider for bolstering its current ethics code.

As for the lecture part of the tutorial, Manzi highlighted four main areas where caution was advised on the part of council-members in carrying out their official duties.

1. Stop the email and pick up the phone.

Generally emails should be avoided for official communications, Manzi said. A person might say something in an email that would not ordinarily be said in a verbal interchange, he noted. He added that an email transmission can go awry, ending up in the hands of an unauthorized person or an unintended organization.

2. Manzi advised that council-members should not discuss city business or issues if more than

two councilmembers are present outside of a council meeting. He noted that one-on-one discussions between councilmembers are okay. He also cautioned against instant messaging and other online discussions.

3. Manzi cautioned council to be wary of contacts with people or entities having business with the city. He advised council-members who find themselves in such a position to decline politely, noting that such discussions should be held with responsible city staff.

4. Finally, Manzi cautioned council to pay attention to required financial disclosures.

His catch-all message for council guidance on ethical issues was: "If you have to think twice about doing (something), you should not do it."

Discussion Ensues

Following Manzi's ethics dictums, councilmembers discussed how the guidance was carried out in Greenbelt. Because his law firm provides legal counsel for other Maryland municipalities, councilmembers wondered how such issues were handled by some of his firm's other clients. Manzi noted in reply that other municipalities with which he has experience have different forms of government. Greenbelt's city manager form of government, with an at-large council acting as a legislative body, is different from Laurel's strong mayor as executive with a separate council. Still other municipalities differ in size and complexity, he said, qualities dictating the necessary level of sophistication for ethics requirements.

As an example, he noted that Laurel has an appointed Ethics Commission. He suggested that Greenbelt may wish to consider that approach.

One issue related to financial disclosure forms and how these were managed by other

and the city and what could be done differently.

Bruce Gilmore of American Rivers will speak about the background and enactment of the 2007 Maryland Stormwater Management Act and its requirements, basic principles of environmental site design, how federal stormwater permits work and what advocates hope will be newer, stronger provisions for county permits. Terri Hruby, Greenbelt's assistant planning director, will discuss county and city stormwater management practices.

Lesley Riddle, Greenbelt's assistant director of Public Works – Parks, will talk about city stormwater efforts and share recent watershed steward training information.

Matt Berres, manager of GHI's Sustainability and Quality Assurance, will talk about GHI efforts to manage stormwater responsibly, how the original low-impact design of GHI yards plays a role in protecting streams and strategies to improve stormwater management.

A discussion will follow, led by Brent Bolin, county vice chair of the Anacostia Watershed Citizen's Advisory Committee, on advocacy efforts at the county level and where to go from here as a community locally, at the county level and at the Anacostia watershed level.

BCWWG Has Storm Water Forum and Photo Display

On Thursday, August 13 from 6 to 9 p.m., the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will offer an evening of "Good Clean Fun – With Stormwater" at the Municipal Building in the council room. The photo display starts at 6 p.m., followed by a stormwater forum at 6:45 p.m.

Stormwater is rain that washes toxins, sediment and trash into creeks and streams, eroding and polluting them . . . and begging the question, "What do we do about it?"

Photo Display

At 6 p.m. people are invited to bring their photos that show stormwater challenges and solutions. Bring a display board as there will be limited table space. Video is welcome and the contributor should bring equipment to run it. Materials will need to be removed from the room by 10 p.m. Those contributing to the display are asked to notify Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or susnbarn@earthlink.net.

Stormwater Forum

The Stormwater Forum will give participants a chance to learn about upcoming stormwater legislation and how to advocate for the best standards. There will be a discussion of whether the city and county talk to each other on this subject, the stormwater management efforts of GHI

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What Goes On

Saturday, August 8
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and the Community Center

Monday, August 10
8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov)

Wednesday, August 12
7:30 p.m., City Council Work-session with School Superintendent, Community Center

Larger Council to Require Changes in City Charter

Adding two more members to the Greenbelt City Council will require a number of changes in the city charter, as Assistant City Manager David Moran and City Clerk Cindy Murray recently reminded councilmembers. In a July 28 memo, they specified particular clauses in the city charter that must now be changed.

As the memo notes, council can make such changes now to become effective once the new term begins or wait and allow the new council to make these determinations.

If changes are to be made, council also needs to decide the threshold or number of votes required for specific council actions. Currently four votes out of five is required for an 80 percent of council threshold. Changing it to five out of seven would be a 71 percent threshold and six out of seven would be an 86 percent threshold. Currently a

required two-thirds vote translates to four out of five members; with a seven-member council, two-thirds would be five out of seven members.

Staff has identified other instances where a change in the number of councilmembers will affect the operation of charter provisions. Currently three members of council can call for a special meeting by written request and four members are required to expel a member from the meeting for disorderly conduct or the violation of its rules. Votes to delete properties from the Greenbelt Forest Preserve now require at least four votes.

Another charter provision states that no ordinance can be passed until it has been read on two separate days unless this requirement is dispensed with by a vote of not fewer than four

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Discussion of Bus Routes Through Greenbelt to Start

by Melissa Ehrenreich and Anna Socrates

On Wednesday evening, July 29, representatives from Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-Greenbelt) met with Greenbelt City Councilmembers Mayor Judith Davis, Leta Mach, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts and other officials to seek a better plan this year for public transit.

Also taking part were Terri Hruby, assistant director of Planning for the City of Greenbelt; a representative from Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner's office; staff from the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (Susan Hubbard, public information officer; Jim Raszewski, acting associate director for the Office of Transportation; Kevin Thornton, county planner); and Larry Glick, chief Metrobus Route Planner for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Separate Areas

TRU-Greenbelt members represented separate areas: Melissa Ehrenreich, Old Greenbelt; Emmett Jordan and Mary Edwards, Greenbelt East; and Che Sayles, Greenbelt West. Bill Orleans, an activist on regional transit issues, also was present.

The county and WMATA, it was noted, coordinate efforts to plan bus routes but have separate sources of money and operational models. The county's system, known as The Bus, has in the past decade grown from 26 buses to more than 100 – with attendant struggles to replace aging infrastructure. At the meeting it was agreed to work up a transit plan (The Plan) via three

meetings by mid-September of TRU-Greenbelt representatives, city councilmembers and county planning and WMATA officials (The Group). Public meetings would follow later in the fall, with implementation of The Plan projected for early 2010.

The Plan

Further, it was agreed that The Plan would operate for about six to nine months before the city, county and WMATA would assess effectiveness by measuring changes in ridership. The county encouraged TRU-Greenbelt to look at service as a blank slate and build whatever plan TRU-Greenbelt (and by extension all Greenbelters) wants within the parameters of existing service (this means no new buses, no weekend service for The Bus) with an eye to answering questions such as: where do Greenbelters want to go and what frequency is acceptable?

Mayor Davis confirmed that the Greenbelt City Council is looking to TRU-Greenbelt to lead in creating The Plan. At several times during the meeting, the city and county noted that resident opposition when routes were formed eight years ago had eliminated proposals to bring new service into parts of Greenbelt (such as sections of Boxwood Village). The city and county are looking to TRU-Greenbelt to ensure that proposed route changes that reach into new neighborhoods will be vetted fully with community members to ensure their support.

Melissa Ehrenreich and Anna Socrates are members of TRU-Greenbelt.

Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

After 30 years in law enforcement and 23 wonderful years with the Greenbelt police, I will retire as of Friday, July 31. I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for what has been the most rewarding job experience I could have ever possibly hoped to have had. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a member of the Greenbelt Police Department. I have made friends for life and not just in the police department. It's always been a great feeling knowing that whether I went to Public Works, the Youth Center, the city offices, anywhere, I could count on running into someone I considered a friend.

And I have to recognize the citizens of Greenbelt. The level of citizen participation in everything from Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, the Labor Day Festival, etc., made my job just plain fun. Again, in many cases, it's led to life-long friendships.

I'd also like to thank the members of the Washington-area media for their true professionalism during my time as the Press Information Officer. You kept me on my toes and I'd like to think that I helped foster a feeling of mutual respect between the press and the department.

Also, more than anything, I hope that I was a positive influence with the young citizens of Greenbelt in my role as a D.A.R.E. Officer.

I could go on to thank individuals but that could take the better part of the day. Plus I'm sure I would miss more than a few people.

I'm not exactly sure what the future holds for me (other than being able to spend more time with my wife and kids) but rest assured that you will see me from time to time.

Thanks again.

George Mathews
Greenbelt Police

Editor's Note: A big thank you to George Mathews for his outstanding service to the Greenbelt community and most particularly to our staff for timely and helpful contributions to our work.

Correction

The number of earthen dams was misstated in last week's Greenbelt Lake article. Prince George's County has two — Greenbelt Lake and Howard Duckett Dam. There are over 300 earthen dams in the State of Maryland.

However, James Giese's recollection is that the Greenbelt dam has a cement core covered by soil.

Labor Day Festival

Used Book Sale

Raising Funds for Greenbelt

Elementary School PTA

Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket

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301-474-2041

More on Trees And Birds

Thanks to Lesley Riddle for her thoughtful response to my letter. It makes me jealous.

The woods are keeping their shade trees in the hottest part of summer instead of having them cut down. That means nesting sites in the woods are being preserved at the height of nesting season instead of being destroyed.

The woods aren't losing oxygen factories or greenhouse-gas scrubbers.

The woods are getting, for free, the leaf compost fertilizer with which Mother Nature has been having success for millions of years, instead of something dreamed up 50 years ago that makes money for the landscaping industry.

The woods have a full and varied complement of insect eaters and songsters.

Maybe I chose the wrong book title. Maybe I should have used "Tale of Two Cities." To me it seems that the part of the city I live in is being managed into the sort of dreary industrial landscape I talked about in my first letter when only two years ago it had more trees and lots more birds.

But as I said in my first letter, I'm also interested in what other people in Greenbelt think.

Patricia Heil

City Election Bulletin Applauded

A huge thank you is due to the City of Greenbelt manager, assistant manager, clerk, mayor, council and others who wrote and compiled the July 2009 special election issue of The Greenbelt

Bulletin, sent to every postal customer in the city. The specific information that fills its four pages gives every person an equal right to make Greenbelt greater. Anyone who can read English can no longer complain, "I didn't know."

I commend the council for expanding its seats from five to seven and for not caving in to demands to redistrict or switch the city elections to even years. Copies of this positive publication need to be sent to all of the groups who, for many long months, have unjustly accused us of discrimination and violation of voting rights. I am proud that we, under fire, can stand up, openly discuss and consider options and remain committed to a community of diversity. It's the American way.

Thanks, too, to the Greenbelt News Review staff for its ongoing coverage of meetings, responses and issues generated by this voting controversy.

Elaine D. Jones

Beggars at Center

I have been approached several times in Roosevelt Center recently by young people asking for a quarter or fifty cents. I always refuse them although many other people give out the money.

I was wondering if any studies have been done to determine the robbery threshold one is playing with in not giving money. Gangs of youths are now attacking lone persons for their wallets.

I don't like to appease these kids but maybe I should reconsider my position. That is my reputation as a scrooge in their eyes.

Michael J. Boone

Texas BBQ!

and Used Book Sale
Saturday, August 22nd
St. Hugh's Church

Noon till 8:00 Pm

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Grin Belt



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"You need to use your math genes to estimate the number of acorns and pine cones in this basket."

On Screen Cooking Up a Storm

Opening this Friday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre is "Julie & Julia," in which French cuisine — à la Americaine — is king. Based on a book by down-at-the-mouth government secretary Julie Powell (Amy Adams), the film follows her venturesome plan to prepare the 500-plus recipes from legendary chef Julia Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking." Meryl Streep plays the late Child; Nora Ephron directs. PG-13; running time is 123 minutes.

— Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for August 10 through August 15 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup, ham steak with fruit sauce, steamed cabbage, mashed sweet potatoes, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday – Orange juice, barbecue beef on a bun, coleslaw, baked beans, sliced melon.

Wednesday – Grape juice, baked chicken with gravy, green peas, cornbread stuffing, cherry crisp.

Thursday – Creamy broccoli soup, tuna salad, pasta salad, carrot-raisin salad, applesauce.

Friday – Cranapple juice, London broil with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, Watergate salad, broccoli and carrots, cherry pie, vanilla ice cream cup (premium meal).



At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, August 11, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, August 12, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, August 13, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

Bookids

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 p.m., Bookids ages 9 to 12 will meet. Call branch at 301-345-5800 for details.



Greenbelt Idols

Tickets \$4.00 - one vote per ticket

Friday, August 7 @ 7:30 pm

Greenbelt Arts Center (greenbelartscenter.org)

Audience will judge contestants.

Still looking for contestants. If you want to try out, please arrive at 7 pm with a small bio.

E-mail greenbeltidols@yahoo.com for more information.

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GHI Notes

Thursday, August 6, 7 p.m., Board Training – Board Room

Friday, August 7, Offices closed. Emergency maintenance will be available by calling 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, August 11, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, August 12, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee – Lobby

Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m., Board Training on Financial Statements – Board Room

Friday, August 14 – GHI offices close at noon for employee annual picnic. Emergency maintenance will be available.

Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Emporian Village Gives Three Grads Laptops

Three 2009 graduates of Eleanor Roosevelt High School will set off for college with laptop computers awarded to them by the management of their apartment complex, Emporian Village.

Emporian Village chose the students not only for their dedication and academic excellence at school but because they are role models in the community. The students and their acceptance schools are Onyekachi Jennifer Ariwaodoo, Pennsylvania State University; Chanel Tameka Davis, Towson University; and Thomas Cooper, North Carolina A&T University.

New Deal Café Hosts Free Concert Sat.

On Saturday, August 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. the Greg Meyer Quartet will play jazz in a free concert in Roosevelt Center. The quartet plays modern interpretations of the music of great jazz players and composers, standards from shows and movies and original works by Greg Meyer. This concert is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with support from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County. In case of rain the concert will take place in the Café.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club enjoyed a very informative talk by Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio at our last meeting. In some ways we seniors are "pioneers." We are the first generation in history to have lived to be so old and so healthy! We have paved the way for the future in health care by staying active in mind and body. So let's keep up the good work.

Rena Hull will speak at the August 12 meeting. Rena was a volunteer nurse post-Katrina and now she'll talk to us about her recent trip as a follow-up to the aftermath of Katrina.

We were saddened by the death of Ruth Huggins, a long-time member. Ruth served as secretary and published our reports in the News Review. She will be missed by the club. We send our condolences to her family and friends.

TRU-Transit Meets This Saturday

Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-Greenbelt) will hold its next monthly meeting on Saturday, August 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Community Church basement meeting room. The group advocates for transit issues and works to foster a sustainable and livable community in Greenbelt.

They recently had their first meeting with the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County planners to discuss local bus routes, an important process that needs residents' input. (See separate story on page 1) Everyone is asked to come, express concerns and help strategize for a united front across Greenbelt's neighborhoods and different bus lines.

Limited rides to the meeting are available on a first come-first served basis. To request a ride or volunteer one, call Anna Socrates at 301-441-4504 or email annasoc1@verizon.net.

Those who cannot attend the meeting but share TRU Greenbelt concerns and want to be kept informed of action and future meetings can email their name, email address and other contact information to annasoc1@verizon.net. To join the TRU Greenbelt listserv and find out how to help, send an email to TRU-Greenbelt-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Boxwood Association Awards Scholarships

The Boxwood Civic Association announced the names of two residents who are recipients of the annual scholarship.

The winners are Jenny Lindvall and Brian Faherty.

Lindvall is the daughter of Chaterina and Mikael Lindvall of Lastner Lane. She is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and will attend the University of Maryland at College Park in the fall. She has delivered the News Review for 10 years. She has also been active with the Greenbelt Swim Team, a member for 10 years and a coach for three. At ERHS she was a National Honor Society member and was captain of the Lacrosse and swim teams. She also was active in drama productions and helped with blood drives.

Faherty is the son of Karen and Robert Faherty of Lastner Lane. He is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and will attend the University of Maryland at College Park in the fall. He has delivered the News Review for eight years. He has also been active with the Boxwood Village Labor Day Festival Zoo Dip. At ERHS he was captain of the cross-country and track and field teams. He maintained honor roll status in the Science and Technology program through his four years at ERHS.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF AUG 7

Julie & Julia (PG-13)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00

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Astronomical Star Party This Weekend

On Saturday, August 8 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:30 p.m.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice.

Visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml.

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Children: \$6/Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No passes

(!!) = No pass weekend

Week of AUG 7

August 6 Midnight Showing G.I. Joe

FRI. – SAT.

Aliens in the Attic, PG (!!)

11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 8, 10:20

G-Force, PG

11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 8, 10:20

G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, PG-13 (!!)

11:20, 12:10, 2, 3, 4:50, 5:50, 7:40,

8:40, 10:25

A Perfect Getaway, R (!!)

12:30, 3:20, 5:40, 8, 10:20

The Orphan, R

11:20, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25

Funny People, R (!!)

11:10, 2:15, 5:20, 9

The Collector, R

5:20, 7:30, 10:10

Harry Potter, PG

11:10, 2:15

SUN.

Aliens in the Attic, PG (!!)

11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 8

G-Force, PG

11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 8

G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, PG-13 (!!)

11:20, 12:10, 2, 3, 4:50, 5:50, 8,

8:30

A Perfect Getaway, R (!!)

12:30, 3:20, 5:40, 8

The Orphan, R

11:20, 2, 4:50, 7:40

Funny People, R (!!)

11:10, 2:15, 5:20, 8:20

The Collector, R

5:20, 7:40

Harry Potter, PG

11:10, 2:15

MON. – THUR.

Aliens in the Attic, PG

11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 8

G-Force, PG

11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:40, 8

G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, PG-13 (!!)

11:30, 12:10, 2, 3, 5:05, 5:50,

8, 8:40

A Perfect Getaway, R (!!)

11:15, 1:45, 4, 6:20, 8:20

The Orphan, R

12:10, 2:50, 5:40, 8:20

Funny People, R

11:10, 2:25, 5:30, 8:30

Obituaries

Rolando Loret de Mola

Longtime Greenbriar resident Rolando Loret de Mola, 89, died peacefully on July 23, 2009, at the Villa Rosa Nursing Home where he had been a resident for the past two years.

Life for Rolando began in the little sugarmill town of Senado in the province of Camaguey, Cuba, amid a large extended family. The poverty of his family prevented him from attending medical school but he worked his way through the University of Havana School of Accounting. He married, became manager of a bank in Havana and life was good until 1959. When Fidel Castro took power in January 1959, everything changed, and the banks were among the first takeovers. Rolando was out of work and took any job he could find.

Finally, with the help of a friend and \$5 American in his pocket, he flew to Miami. In time he managed to bring his wife out, followed by his parents, and they established a life in Maryland with his new son Luis, who is now a GHI resident. His demanding life notwithstanding, Rolando earned a master's degree in accounting from the University of Maryland and worked full-time for the InterAmerican Foundation in Virginia.

In June 1979, his marriage over for five years, Rolando married his good friend Thelma, with whom he shared 30 years filled with a variety of activities: gardening, bowling, biking, traveling and, at the age of 68, photography for which he earned many awards in the Bowie-Crofton Camera Club.

Rolando and Thelma made one trip to Cuba and the condition of his beloved homeland broke Rolando's heart. He was a loyal and good American but a Cuban never stops being Cuban.



Credit Union Collecting For Back to School

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will collect school supplies and cash donations for children in need at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Collection boxes can be found at the Credit Union and at the Greenbelt Co-op. A list of supplies is available at the Credit Union, Co-op or on the Springhill Lake Elementary School website at www1.pgcps.org/springhilllake/. Monetary donations are being accepted at the Credit Union.

Collections will continue until Wednesday, August 19. For more information call the Credit Union at 301-474-5900.

Perseids Meteor Shower to Come

If the night of August 11-12 is clear, Greenbelters will be able to see the annual Perseid meteor shower, which occurs when earth passes through debris left by comet Swift-Tuttle. This annual meteor shower reaches its height that night. No need for a fancy telescope or even binoculars, just a lawn chair and bug repellent.

Though this is not an official event of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt, some members will be at Northway Field where there is no artificial light to interfere with viewing. Members of the public are welcome. The shower goes on all night, with preferred viewing time after midnight. More meteors than usual may be observed all week so just keep looking up all week.

This program is free; call 202-225-1116 to pre-register.



St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org





Greenbelt Baptist Church
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www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
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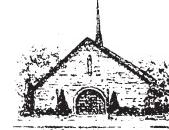


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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



School principal Natasha Jenkins, whose appointment was announced by the county school system at the end of July.

Congratulations to Jenny Lindvall and Brian Faherty, who were selected as the annual Boxwood Civic Association scholarship recipients. And to Onyekachi Jennifer Ariwaodoo, Chanel Tameka Davis and Thomas Cooper, who received laptop computers to take with them to college from Empirian Village for academic excellence and being role models in the community.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Our very best wishes to Police PIO MPO George Mathews in his retirement after 23 years with the Greenbelt police and 30 years policing overall.

Kenneth Silberman of Southwest, along with House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and NASA senior management, presented two Louis Braille silver dollars and U.S. flags that flew on the recent Hubble servicing mission to students who participated in a National Federation of the Blind Summer youth science camp for budding blind engineers and scientists, in commemoration of the bicentennial of Louis Braille's birth. The ceremony took place at the capitol on Friday, July 31.

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August 9, 10 a.m.

"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Race and Ethnicity, but Were Afraid to Ask" by the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team (DARTT), guest speakers, with Tisha O'Neal, worship associate

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Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Senior Resource**Lifeline Program
Saves on Phone Bills**

Those having trouble paying their phone bills may be eligible to take advantage of two special programs that help reduce the cost of phone service.

Lifeline Assistance and Link-Up are public programs implemented by local telephone companies that can help qualified customers get phone service and pay their bills. Those may qualify whose household income is no more than 135 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines or who participate in any of the following programs: Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), National School Lunch Free Lunch Program (NSL) and Bureau of Indian Affairs Program (Tribal TANF, Head Start Subsidy, NSL).

Lifeline Assistance will help qualified customers who already have telephone service save a significant amount of money on their monthly phone bills, while Link-Up helps eligible customers receive a large discount on the installation of telephone service in their homes.

Consumers can also save by voluntarily foregoing pre-subscribed long distance telephone service or by requesting toll-blocking, a service that prevents toll calls (such as long distance) from being made and prevents these consumers from paying hefty service deposits. Customers using this service can still use pre-paid calling cards or dial-around services to place long-distance calls from their homes.

For more information or to learn about qualifying for the programs call the local phone company, state public utility commission or the Federal Communications Commission at 1-888-CALL-FCC. Information is also available at the "Lifeline Across America" website, www.lifeline.gov.

City Notes

Animal Control has taken one mother cat and five kittens into custody and removed two opossums from a trashcan.

Public Works held an electronics recycling event on Saturday, July 25; 196 persons came with electronics for recycling. Fifty CPUs, 61 monitors, 85 televisions and three large boxes of expanded polystyrene (block styrofoam) were received.

Facilities Maintenance continued with the installation of the new restroom facility at Buddy Attick Lake Park and repaired the water lines at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Parks and Playgrounds removed the pea gravel at the Dog Park and replaced it with wood chips.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

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Toastmasters Meet

The next meeting of Toastmasters is on Wednesday, August 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. These free sessions foster effective communication and how to become a better listener. For information call 301-906-0865.

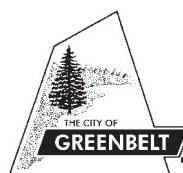
Audubon Group Holds Half-Day Bird Walk

On Saturday, August 15 at 7:30 a.m. the Prince George's Audubon Society hosts a free half-day bird walk for woodland, field birds and waterfowl at Governor Bridge Natural Area, Governor Bridge Road in Bowie. There will also be good chances

to see raptor flyovers at this forested floodplain of the Patuxent River. The walk is for beginners and experts. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Meet at the parking lot. Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS**Presentations**

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings**Administrative Reports****Committee Reports****LEGISLATION**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, "Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Revising Alarm User Permit Fees

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

An Ordinance to Amend Article I "In General" of Chapter 8 "Elections" of the Greenbelt City Code, in Accordance with Charter Amendment No. 2009-1 Passed by the City Council on June 22, 2009, to Allow for Early Voting - 2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 986 and to Provide for the Number of Judges and Clerks of Election, Their Rate of Compensation, and the Rate of Compensation to be Paid to the Chairperson and Members of the Board of Elections for the 2009 Regular Election - 2nd Reading, Adoption

An Ordinance to Amend Article II "Campaign Contributions and Expenditures" of Chapter 8 "Elections" of the Greenbelt City Code

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program Award

- Safe Routes to School Program

- Proposed Signage at Doctor's Community Hospital

- MML Legislative Requests for 2010

*- County Legislation – CB-23-2009

(Special Exception for Check Cashing Businesses)

*- Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**

Vacancies exist on the: Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee. For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Ctr.

MEETINGS FOR August 10-15

Monday, August 10 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, at Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

Wednesday, August 12 at 7:30pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ School Superintendent, at Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov.

DONATION DROP-OFF**American Rescue Workers**

Saturday, August 8, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

Beautiful: Female, Brown Colored long haired tabby w/white chest.



Jasper: Sweet, handsome and friendly young male orange tabby.



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Cutie: Female gray and white



Kittens: Black and Tabby male and female kittens. 5 weeks old. Very cute and lovable. Mom is also looking for a home. Come out and see how adorable they are!



The Greenbelt Animal Shelter is in need of cat litter donations. Please bring donations to the Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road. Donations made at the box at Co-op are not for the City Animal Shelter.



Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301-474-6124.

EXPANDED GREENBELT CONNECTION SERVICE!

On August 8th the Greenbelt Connection will begin running on Saturdays!

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municipalities. In Greenbelt, financial disclosure forms must be simply filed by candidates for council, elected councilmembers and certain advisory board members. In Laurel, in contrast, financial disclosure forms are reviewed by the city's Ethics Commission. As Greenbelt acquires additional zoning authorities and responsibilities, the need for a more rigorous financial disclosure and ethics regime may be necessary.

Not to be outdone by "Professor" Manzi, Mayor Davis provided council with informational handouts from the Maryland Municipal League on the topics of "Conflict of Interest Policy and Disclosure Form (for the Board of Directors)," and "Email Policy, Use and Disposition." Council asked that a review of these materials and a gathering of information on the practices used by other jurisdictions be undertaken to identify areas where the Greenbelt ethics requirements can be strengthened.

Background Checks

Although not directly related to ethics requirements, the issue of city background checks required for job applicants and certain volunteers whose activities may involve contact with children was raised by the mayor. Here it was suggested that the National Parks and Recreation Association guidelines may be applicable.

Councilmember Leta Mach raised questions relating to ethical considerations during elections. She assumed, and others

agreed, that the use of city email addresses by candidates would not be appropriate. For election campaigns all candidates, incumbents and otherwise, should use personal email accounts only for their campaign literature.

It was also suggested that pictures and biographical material on the city web site should be removed during election campaign periods. Members also agreed that council candidates should not use pictures containing city symbols, vehicles or city employees in their campaign materials.

Added to election-related ethical items was the use by councilmembers of remote internet access to the city's office mail system. All agreed that such remote accounts should not be used during an election campaign because non-incumbents would not have access to this system.

Informational Item

At the end of the meeting council listened to a follow-up to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) issue concerning sewer back-ups at residences in the Greenbrook Estates subdivision in Greenbelt East (see issue of July 2, 2009). They learned that WSSC officials continue to disavow responsibility on the part of WSSC for the back-ups.

McLaughlin expressed dismay with the unsatisfactory response from WSSC and received a go-ahead from council to prepare a response to the letter, seeking a meeting with senior WSSC officials to discuss the matter.

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members of council.

If three or more council seats are vacant at the same time, the board of elections currently must call a special election at the earliest date to fill these vacancies for the unexpired terms.

Finally, a two-thirds vote of all members of the city council is required for authorization of supplemental and emergency appropriations and reduction or transfer of appropriations.

This item concerning how and when to change the city charter will be placed on the August 10 agenda.

Plants Bear Witness To History at USBG

Either formal or vernacular, trees and plantings have witnessed historically important people and events that shaped current communities, culture and nation.

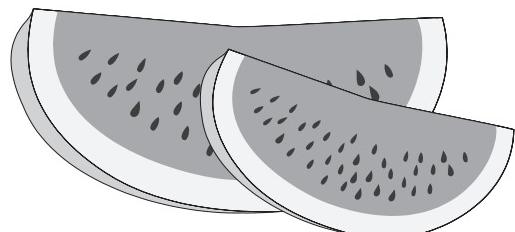
"Heroes of Horticulture," an exhibit created at the U.S. Botanic Garden by the Cultural Landscape Foundation, presents the stories and images of 22 sites across the country where living trees and other plantings connect one directly to moments in our nation's history. This free exhibit will be open through October 12.

Woodland Hills Holds Fiftieth Anniversary

Greenbelt's Woodland Hills Community is planning a mid-October 50th anniversary celebration to mark the event and share stories. Former residents will be included; it is requested that past or present residents of Northway or Woodland Way or those having contact information for past residents send the information (name, telephone number, email address and original Woodland Hills address) to woodlandhills@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-5773 to receive updates and participate.

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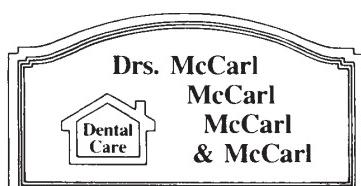
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Kraft Chunk Cheese Assorted 8 oz. \$2.50	Minute Maid Orange Juice 3/\$8.00 Assorted 64 oz.	Deli Gourmet Cooked Salami \$2.49	Shurfine Lean Cuisine Entrees \$2.50 Assorted 5-11 oz.	Hanover Premium Silver Line Vegetables Assorted 10-16 oz.	\$1.50
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Police Blotter

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<http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or
http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Rape

July 27, 4 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. The victim was sexually assaulted in a laundry room by a black male, 15-18 years old, 5'11", medium build, black hair and brown eyes.

Robberies

July 24, 2:56 p.m., 20 Southwest. The victim was approached by two men who assaulted him and demanded money. They took money from the victim's pocket and fled on foot. One of the suspects is described as a black male, 18-20 years of age, 5'8"-5'10", thin build, with short hair, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans; no detailed description is available of the second suspect.

July 26, 10:26 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. The victim was approached by three men and a woman who displayed a knife and a metal rod. They assaulted the victim and took his money and the food he was delivering. One suspect is 19-20 years old, 5'2", thin build, light skinned black woman with a mole on her face near her eye, wearing a short colorful shirt and white shorts. Detailed descriptions are not available for the

three male suspects.

Drug Arrests

July 25, 1:16 a.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. Drug arrest. A resident male, 21, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after a suspicious vehicle stop. The suspect was released on a citation pending trial.

Burglaries

July 24, 4:08 p.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive. A bag containing ID cards and a camera were among the items taken.

July 25, 2:07 p.m., 6000 Springhill Drive. An X-box and two televisions were taken.

July 29, 7:28 p.m., 6100 Breezewood Court. An X-box and three games were taken.

July 30, 4:37 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Attempted burglary.

Vandalism

Vandalism was reported at the following locations: 24 Court Ridge Road, a living room window was broken; Centerway, graffiti found on tunnel walls; 400 block Ridge Road, a gate near the pool was broken; Hillside and Laurel Hill Roads, graffiti found

on a road sign; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a kitchen window was broken.

Other Crimes

July 20, 1:20 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. Disorderly conduct. A nonresident female was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after a verbal altercation. The suspect was released on a citation pending trial.

July 24, 10:33 p.m., Parkway. Disorderly conduct. A resident male was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after interfering with a traffic stop. The suspect was released on a citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

Theft from, vandalism to and attempted theft of autos were reported in the following locations: 6100 block Springhill Terrace, (front Tag - 3ER M90), Beltway Plaza (Expiration Stickers, front tag 372600CC) 7800 block Hanover Parkway. (camera), 9000 block Edmonston Road, (scratched) Kenilworth Avenue at Greenbelt Road, (damage), 9200 block Edmonston Road (front tag 4DX R99), 7800 block Mandan Road (attempted auto theft).

Rabies Prevention Requires Caution

The risk of rabies transmission from animals to people is at its highest this time of year, when people and their pets spend more time outdoors, according to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). In the state, more than 200 animals have been diagnosed with rabies this year, including 11 cats and one horse.

The rabies virus is most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. Most commonly infected are wildlife such as raccoons, bats, skunks and foxes but rabies can also be transmitted to domestic animals. Rabid animals often show changes in behavior. Wild animals may act friendly, domestic animals may become aggressive and animals that are active only at night may appear during the day. Rabid animals may stagger, drool or become paralyzed.

"People should take special precautions if their pet encounters a wild animal," says Kim Mitchell, DHMH Chief of Rabies and Vector-borne Diseases. "Avoid touching your pet with your bare hands immediately after an encounter and call your local health department immediately."

Other precautions to be taken to limit exposure to rabies include:

- Have dogs, cats, ferrets, horses, sheep and cattle vaccinated against rabies.

- Keep pets under control at all times, especially when traveling.

- Enjoy wildlife from a distance and do not feed wildlife.

- Cover garbage cans securely and do not leave pet food outside.

- Do not relocate wildlife.

- Try to prevent bats from entering the home.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Recycling Tips – Plastic Containers

In their recycling programs the city and county now accept the following plastic containers:



All narrow neck plastics # 1 to # 7, such as beverage bottles, milk jugs, ketchup bottles, salad dressing bottles, detergent bottles and shampoo bottles.

All wide-mouth plastic containers #1 to #7, such as peanut butter jars, yogurt containers, margarine/butter tubs, cottage cheese containers, sour cream containers, whipped topping tubs and mayonnaise jars.

Salad bar and clam shell plastic food containers # 1 to #7.

Smiles Campaign To Benefit MDA

The annual Aisles of Smiles campaign benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association will run through September 7 at local Safeway stores in Virginia, D.C. and Maryland. Safeway cashiers ask customers to donate to the campaign. The Mid-Atlantic goal is to surpass the 2008 total of over \$684,000. Safeway raised \$8.6 million last year for MDA. Local efforts will be recognized on the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore. For more information visit www.mda.org.

Hair Cuttery Annual Share a Haircut

Through August 15, every time a child (aged 18 years old or younger) receives a haircut at any of the nearly 800 Hair Cuttery salons, a free haircut will be provided to a disadvantaged child in the community. The Hair Cuttery in Greenbelt is located at 7545 Greenbelt Road in Greenway Center.

Through partnerships with over 100 local social service agencies and nonprofit organizations, Hair Cuttery has donated more than 450,000 haircuts since the program began in 1999.

Hair Cuttery also supports a range of national and local charitable organizations including Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization providing hairpieces to children who have lost their hair through illness or genetic conditions.

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Earth Connections

An Earth Connections workshop for Junior Girl Scouts will be offered Sunday, August 9 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Become an ecologist in this hands-on workshop by looking closely at nature and discovering ways to help the environment.

All about Birds

Cadets and seniors can spend the day learning about bird ecology, identification, migration, banding and how to help protect and provide local habitat for birds.

All workshops are subject to change or cancellation dependent upon availability of staff and/or low registration numbers and/or weather. Visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov.

Refuge Holds Meeting On Aging Facilities

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Patuxent Research Refuge will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, August 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel. The refuge and the co-located U.S. Geological Survey propose to move forward jointly with a Facilities Modernization Plan (FMP) that includes new construction, rehabilitation of existing buildings and demolition of unneeded assets.

The refuge seeks public participation in the draft Environmental Assessment review process. The draft can be seen at the information desks of the National Wildlife Visitor Center and the Patuxent North Tract Contact Station, as well as on the refuge website, <http://patuxent.fws.gov>. Comments should be submitted by September 4. Send letters to Brad Knudsen, Refuge Manager, Patuxent Research Refuge, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708-4027; email Brad_Knudsen@fws.gov; or call Knudsen at 301-497-5582.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and MD Rt. 197, south of Laurel. For more information visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>, visit www.pwrc.usgs.gov or call 301-497-5766.



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For many, summer depression is surprising as everyone seems happy this time of year. Vacations are in full swing, workloads are often lighter and kids are spending their days playing outside. But some people may feel like they are the only ones who are not caught up in the fun.

Whether it is due to the weather change or the expectations of the season, many times people feel depressed, anxious or restless during the summer months. For this reason the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program is inviting people who feel this to take a few moments to complete a free, anonymous online mental health screening. The screening can be accessed by visiting www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening and entering the keyword [Greenbelt].

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Entertainment

The first audition for "Greenbelt Idol" is Friday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center. There is an admission fee to the public.

On Saturday night, the Mary Shaver Band will perform onstage from 8 to 11 p.m. The Reagan Years (www.thereaganyears.com) will be on stage Sunday night following the crowning of Miss Greenbelt. The Hubcaps (www.hubcaps.com) will perform on Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. Also on Monday, Bruce Swaim will be back to perform jazz music.

Shuttle

The Committee is looking for volunteers to drive the shuttle. The shuttle runs throughout the festival and drivers work in shifts. Call Brian York at 301-474-4610



if interested.

Miss Greenbelt Pageant

The pageant is looking for participants in the Princess Pageant for ages 2 to 6. There is no competition. For information about the entry fee, email laborday@greenbelt.com.

Booths

Organizations that would like to have a booth and need a vendor should email laborday@greenbelt.com.

Art and Photo Shows

Entries for the art and photo shows will be accepted on Thursday, September 3, 5 to 7 p.m. or Friday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon or 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The pieces will be on display in the Community Center Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6 from 1 to 6 p.m. and Monday, September 7 from noon to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kids' Games

Kids' games will be held on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. on the Community Center front lawn. In the event of rain, the games will be in the gym.

Prepare Now for Labor Day Art Show; Submit Sept. 3

by Barbara Simon

The Labor Day Art Shows take place in the Greenbelt Community Center as part of the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. There are two shows – one for adults and one for children and teens. This is the 55th year for this popular event, which gives local artists of all ages and abilities the opportunity to share their work with the community. Those with questions are asked to call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

Adult Art Show

Participants must live in Greenbelt or the surrounding communities (or work in Greenbelt) and are limited to entering four artworks. Art must be submitted on Thursday, September 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. or Friday, September 4 from 10 a.m. to noon or 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Registration forms are filled out at the same time. All artwork must be completely original in design and conception; never have been shown in previous Labor Day Festival Art Shows; be ready for display and two-dimensional works should be framed with wires attached for hook.

Those interested in selling their artwork should indicate this on the registration form so their contact information can be provided to follow up on inquiries. Artwork may be rejected for shows by Art Show organizers if not in keeping with the spirit of the shows. All participants become members of this year's Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Art Shows Committee and are required to help with either hanging the shows Friday, September 4 after 7 p.m. or by sitting one hour during the shows. Be ready

to sign up when work is submitted.

The shows are open to the public on Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6 from 1 to 6 p.m.; and on Monday, September 7 from noon to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, GAVA, the City of Greenbelt and any of their volunteers and staff are not responsible for the shows. Every effort is made to protect the shows during open hours, using volunteers to sit as explained above.

Entries will be judged by a professional artist and awards given in each category depending on the discretion of the judge. The Cipriano Award is given for works on the theme "Americans at Work."

Awards will be presented on stage on Monday, September 7 at 1 p.m., after the parade.

Entries and awards must be retrieved from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, September 7. The committee cannot be responsible for unclaimed artwork. Artwork should not be picked up before 4 p.m.; awards not picked up will be forfeited.

Children's Art Show

Rules and times for the submission, hanging and shows are the same as for adult entrants. Participating children and teens (13 to 18) must live or go to school in Greenbelt or have grandparents living in Greenbelt and are limited to entering three artworks. Children's two-dimensional artwork should be matted or mounted but does not need to be framed. Teens are required to help hang art or sit an hour during the show, as are the parents of participating children when possible.



PHOTO BY JULIE MAGNESS

On Friday, July 31 residents of 65 Court Ridge Road saw transformer shower sparks at about 5 p.m. Then at approximately 6:30 p.m. there was a loud cracking noise and part of the large tree in front of Greenbelt Elementary School (shown here) fell onto the power lines. As a result, electricity in much of the North End was out for about two hours.

Chromatics Play at Blue House Studio

by Padi Boyd

The Chromatics, a six-member Greenbelt-area vocal band will host an intimate acoustic studio concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 8 at Blue House Studios in Kensington. Montreal singer-songwriter Mike Evin will also be featured. The group will split the playbill with Evin at Blue House Productions' new studio/performance space in Kensington, a sonically designed space perfect for an evening of quirky original music.

Some Chromatics members discovered Evin on the Barenaked Ladies Ships'n'Dip cruise in February, as did the rest of the ship – by the end of the week, Evin was the talk of the boat and his shows were packed with new fans.

CBC Radio says "Mike Evin is a rarity – a pop composer who isn't afraid to use his wit or wear his heart for all to hear." Or, as fellow piano popster Dan Bryk puts it, "Mike possesses phenomenal hooks and truly awesome stride-y piano chops – that is, when he's not finger-snapping and hand-clapping the audience into some otherworldly bliss." More information about Evin is at <http://www.myspace.com/mikeevin> and <http://www.mikeevin.com>.

Otherworldly? The Chromatics can do otherworldly. Even its CD flew in space. They will bring their combination of outrageous originals, crazy covers, melodic insights into modern life and a smattering of science songs, embellished with accomplished vocal percussion and produced with nothing but six intricately linked voices.

For more information visit <http://thechromatics.com>. Tickets are limited and a sell out is expected. See ad on page 6 for details.

Padi Boyd lives in Greenbelt and is a member of the Chromatics. The band is made up of scientists from the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center who uniquely blend science/technology know-how and musical ability.



Mike Evin on piano.

New Widowed Persons Group Forms

Every year the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service conducts two six-week support groups to help newly-widowed persons adapt to their new circumstances. The program is led by trained volunteers who have also been widowed. It is co-sponsored by AARP and the Greenbelt Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee. It is open to men and women of all ages, races and creeds. There is no fee.

During the six-week period, the group shares personal experiences and exchanges information while discussing published materials pre-

pared by bereavement specialists. Many persons struggling to adapt to their new circumstances after losing a spouse have found great benefit from insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships provided in such groups.

The next weekly sessions, from September 24 through October 29, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays in the Senior Lounge at the Greenbelt Community Center. Pre-registration is required.

For details call Leonie Penney at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

Jazz'n Round At Beltway Plaza Mall

Every Wednesday in August

August 5 – Marcus Young

August 12 – Ron Kronz

August 19 – Marcus Young

August 26 – Sharon Thomas

Beltway Plaza Mall Sidewalk Sale

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